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April 8, 2020

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Katherine Polk Failla  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: *United States v. Ariel Tavarez, et al., 19 Cr. 690 (KPF)*

Dear Judge Failla:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the parties jointly request an adjournment of the next pretrial conference in the above-referenced case, scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., for a period of sixty days. The Government further requests that the time between today and the conference date to be set by the Court be excluded pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), to allow defense counsel to continue reviewing the discovery in this case and to allow the parties to continue discussions on pretrial resolutions of this case. The Government respectfully submits that the proposed exclusion would be in the interest of justice. The Government understands that defense counsel for each defendant consents to this request for the exclusion of time.

Very truly yours,

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Application GRANTED. The pretrial conference currently scheduled for April 15, 2020, is hereby ADJOURNED to June 23, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. in Courtroom 618 of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York.

The time between April 8, 2020, and June 23, 2020, is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by excluding such time outweigh the interests of the public and the Defendants in a speedy trial because it will permit Defendants to continue reviewing discovery materials and allow the parties to engage in discussions as to a pretrial resolution of this case.

Dated: April 8, 2020  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE